

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**December 11, 2001**

**IN RE:**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERING POOLING**

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**DOCKET NO. 00-00851**

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**ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, BELL SOUTH'S REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 6, 2001, upon BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") *Motion for Partial Reconsideration* ("Motion") filed on December 27, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

On December 12, 2000, the Authority issued its *Order Implementing 1000 Number-Block Pooling in the 615 and 901 Area Codes* ("Order") which set forth, among other things, a timetable for applicable telecommunications service providers to implement thousands number pooling ("Pooling") in the 615 and 901 area codes. The Order required that Pooling be implemented in the 615 area code by March 1, 2001 and in the 901 area code no later than August 17, 2001.<sup>2</sup> In its Motion, BellSouth states that there are circumstances beyond its control which will prevent BellSouth from complying with the March 1, 2001 implementation date in the 615 area code.

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<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as this docket is not a contested case proceeding, the Authority considers BellSouth's Motion for Partial Reconsideration a request for an extension of time.

<sup>2</sup> The urgency of pooling in these area codes is necessitated by the jeopardy status of these area codes.

BellSouth identifies those circumstances as: (1) the unavailability of certain necessary hardware that is on back-order and (2) the inability of Lucent Technologies ("Lucent") to provide the software upgrades necessary to permit BellSouth 5ESS switches to support Pooling prior to late April 2001. BellSouth requests an extension until May 4, 2001 for implementation of Pooling in the 615 area code.

In its Motion, BellSouth seeks an exemption from Pooling in the BellSouth DCO switches serving the Charlotte and White Bluff exchanges until March 31, 2002 and in the 1AESS switches serving Nashville Inglewood and Memphis Westwood until those switches are replaced. According to BellSouth, the manufacturer of the two DCO switches in the 615 area code will not make Pooling software available until at least November, 2001. To avoid network reliability problems, BellSouth must, thereafter, test that product before installing it in its network. Because Lucent is not creating Pooling software for the two 1AESS switches that BellSouth has in the 615 and 901 area codes, BellSouth seeks a waiver of Pooling as to those two switches until those switches can be replaced. Nevertheless, BellSouth has agreed to implement the "Florida Fix" on the 1AESS switches in both the 615 and 901 area codes.<sup>3</sup>

BellSouth states that the delay requested will not harm the Pooling trial in the 615 area code in that BellSouth has agreed to freeze or reserve all usable thousands number blocks according to the Pooling schedule.

After reviewing the Authority's December 12, 2000 Order and BellSouth's request, the Directors voted unanimously to grant, in part, the relief sought by BellSouth.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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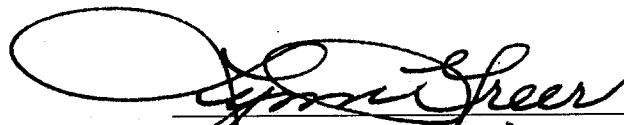
<sup>3</sup> The "Florida Fix" refers to an agreement between the Florida Public Service Commission and BellSouth which establishes procedures whereby 1AESS switches can be included in Pooling trials. The procedures are identified in Order PSC-01-0051-PAA-DP, Docket 981444-TP, issued on January 8, 2001 by the Florida Public Service Commission.

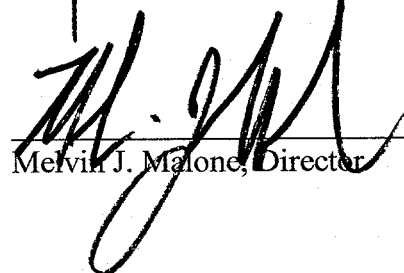
1. BellSouth's request for an extension of time until May 4, 2001 to allow it to implement Pooling in the 615 area code is granted.

2. BellSouth's request to delay implementation of Pooling in the Charlotte and White Bluff exchanges until no later than the first quarter of the year 2002, is granted.


3. BellSouth's agreement to include BellSouth's 1AESS switches serving Nashville Inglewood and Memphis Westwood wire centers in Pooling by implementing the "Florida Fix" is accepted. Further, BellSouth will work with Telecordia to implement the "Florida Fix" in regard to those two 1AESS switches.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary